

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 20, 2012
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, January 20, 2012 at the District office. Dr. Pam Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:41 pm.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, Board members in attendance were: Polly Campbell, Dr. Joe Constans, Robin Pannagl, Dr. Don Erwin, Gwen Richardson, Dr. Ben Springgate and Dr. Cheryll Bowers-Stephens. All Board members were in attendance.

Kathy Kliebert, Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals attended as a guest.

Staff members present were: Judge Calvin Johnson, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Dr. Craig Coenson, Donna Francis, Sally Hays and Meghan Ferris.

Approval of Minutes: Robin Pannagl moved approval of the December 16, 2011 minutes. Dr. Erwin seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Dr. Jenkins reported on plans to schedule meetings of the committees charged with looking at ways to monitor compliance with MHSD policies. She gave members the opportunity to indicate their preferences for committee assignment. Dr. Springgate requested to be removed from the Executive Limitations committee. Dr. Bowers-Stephens stated that she would take his place on the committee.

There was an inquiry about Board member liability and Directors' and Officers' insurance coverage. Staff agreed to look into the matter and forward findings to the Board.

Chief Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Cunliffe presented budget information for July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. In addition, she provided Board members with financial and operational updates and information related to funding sources. She mentioned the current legislative audit, and stated that MHSD will receive an audit report in the spring.

Kathy Kliebert's Presentation: Kathy Kliebert, Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, made a presentation to Board members about the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) and Magellan, which has been selected as the state's managed care organization (SMO). Following her presentation, Ms. Kliebert responded to questions about the SMO's future relationship with MHSD and its impact on services currently provided by MHSD and its contractors.

Executive Director's Report: Judge Johnson shared that Dr. Craig Coenson had accepted a position with another entity, and therefore it was his last day as MHSD's Medical Director. Judge Johnson thanked Dr. Coenson for his years of service and his significant contribution to MHSD's positive transformation during his tenure as Medical Director.

Invitation for Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2012 at the Central City Behavioral Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.